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MARC MURR SENTENCED

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Texas attorney Marc Murr was sentenced this morning to six months in federal prison followed by five years of supervised release and fined \$40,000 after pleading guilty in October to mail fraud stemming from a federal indictment charging him and former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales with fraud in their efforts to secure unearned attorney's fees related to the State's financial settlement with tobacco companies. Murr was sentenced this morning before United States Judge Sam Sparks in Austin, Texas.

Murr pled guilty to Count 9 of the March 6, 2003, indictment and by doing so, he admitted his participation in a scheme which made fraudulent representations and concealed material facts regarding legal work he alleges to have done in the tobacco case.

Defendant Dan Morales pled guilty to Counts 9 and 11 of the same indictment earlier this year and was sentenced on October 31, 2003, to four years in federal prison, 3 years of supervised release after completing his prison term. He was also ordered to pay \$36,000 to compensate the government for the costs of his supervised release, \$155,000 for the costs associated with the appointment of the United States Public Defender's officer to represent him and \$146,112 in restitution to the U.S. Treasury as reimbursement for the tax loss associated with the under-reporting of income in Count Eleven of the indictment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division. Assistant United States Attorneys Sharon Pierce, Jim Blankinship and John Phinizy prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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